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This is a compilation of forest fire statistics covering the Calendar Year 1953 as reported to the United States Forest Service by its field offices, cooperating States, and the Department of the Interior, Soil Conservation Service and Tennessee Valley Authority.

The figures are shown separately by the individual States reporting and totals are also given for certain geographical groups of States. The tabulation is prepared in the following sections:

SUMMARY OF FOREST FIRE STATISTICS FOR 1953
Areas needing protection; areas protected and unprotected; number of fires and area burned on both protected and unprotected forest lands (Pages 1 to 4).

NUMBER OF FOREST FIRES BY CAUSE AND SIZE
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AREAS BURNED
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The statistics shown are the most reliable information which State and Federal protection agencies were able to obtain.

Since no field organizations are available in unprotected areas to report fires, the statistics on such unprotected areas are merely the best estimates by the States. No estimates were obtained for State and private lands in Arizona, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

Estimates on fire damage have been omitted from the compilation. In past years we have emphasized that the figures on fire damage were low and were to be used with caution. Our decision to eliminate damage estimates from the published figures is based upon our continued concern in this regard.

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SUMMARY OF FOREST FIRE STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1953

FOR PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED AREAS, BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

(Group totals are indicated following the individual States of the group)

GROUP AND STATE	PERIOD AND OWNERSHIP	FOREST AREA 1/				NUMBER OF FIRES					AREA BURNED					BURNED PORTION OF AREA	
		Needing Protection	Protected	Unprotected	Percent of Forest Area Protected	TOTAL	On Protected Area		On Unprotected Area		TOTAL	On Protected Area		On Unprotected Area		Protected	Unprotected
		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres		Number	Number	%	Number	%	Acres	Acres	%	Acres	%	%	%
UNITED STATES (Exclusive of Alaska)	1953 Federal	212,428	212,394	34	99.98	10,149	10,149	100.00	--	--	317,864	317,864	100.00	--	--	.15	--
	State & Private	426,694	373,826	52,868	87.61	144,011	94,446	65.58	49,565	34.42	9,657,886	2,533,591	26.23	7,124,295	73.77	.68	13.48
	TOTAL	639,122	586,220	52,902	91.72	154,160	104,595	67.85	49,565	32.15	9,975,750	2,851,455	28.58	7,124,295	71.42	.49	13.47
ALASKA	1953 Federal	153,666	34,949	118,717	22.74	182	182	100.00	Data Incomplete		447,604	447,604	100.00	Data Incomplete		1.28	--
	Private	Data Incomplete															
	TOTAL	153,666	34,949	118,717	22.74	182	182	100.00	Data Incomplete		447,604	447,604	100.00	Data Incomplete		1.28	--
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP																	
ARIZONA	1953 Federal	19,013	19,013	--	100.00	1,492	1,492	100.00	--	--	23,133	23,133	100.00	--	--	.12	--
	State & Private	Data Incomplete															
	TOTAL	19,013	19,013	--	100.00	1,492	1,492	100.00	--	--	23,133	23,133	100.00	--	--	.12	--
COLORADO	1953 Federal	17,100	17,100	--	100.00	197	197	100.00	--	--	1,245	1,245	100.00	--	--	.007	--
	State & Private	7,475	7,472	3	99.96	212	212	100.00	Unknown		4,611	4,611	100.00	Unknown		.06	--
	TOTAL	24,575	24,572	3	99.99	409	409	100.00	--	--	5,856	5,856	100.00	--	--	.02	--
IDAHO	1953 Federal	22,118	22,118	--	100.00	1,197	1,197	100.00	--	--	11,735	11,735	100.00	--	--	.05	--
	State & Private	6,963	6,963	--	100.00	524	524	100.00	--	--	12,278	12,278	100.00	--	--	.18	--
	TOTAL	29,081	29,081	--	100.00	1,721	1,721	100.00	--	--	24,013	24,013	100.00	--	--	.08	--
MONTANA	1953 Federal	19,155	19,155	--	100.00	862	862	100.00	--	--	7,144	7,144	100.00	--	--	.04	--
	State & Private	6,000	6,000	--	100.00	347	347	100.00	--	--	796	796	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	TOTAL	25,155	25,155	--	100.00	1,209	1,209	100.00	--	--	7,940	7,940	100.00	--	--	.03	--
NEBRASKA	1953 Federal	208	208	--	100.00	1	1	100.00	--	--	1	1	100.00	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	Data Incomplete															
	TOTAL	208	208	--	100.00	1	1	100.00	--	--	1	1	100.00	--	--	--	--
NEVADA	1953 Federal	11,694	11,694	--	100.00	56	56	100.00	--	--	8,816	8,816	100.00	--	--	.08	--
	State & Private	2,150	2,150	--	100.00	45	45	100.00	--	--	2,403	2,403	100.00	--	--	.11	--
	TOTAL	13,844	13,844	--	100.00	101	101	100.00	--	--	11,219	11,219	100.00	--	--	.08	--
NEW MEXICO	1953 Federal	13,609	13,609	--	100.00	627	627	100.00	--	--	31,526	31,526	100.00	--	--	.23	--
	State & Private	4,060	1,360	2,700	33.50	95	91	95.79	4	4.21	5,621	5,617	99.93	4	.07	.41	--
	TOTAL	17,669	14,969	2,700	84.72	722	718	99.45	4	.55	37,147	37,143	99.99	4	.01	.25	--
SOUTH DAKOTA	1953 Federal	1,418	1,418	--	100.00	95	95	100.00	--	--	19	19	100.00	--	--	.001	--
	State & Private	896	896	--	100.00	19	19	100.00	--	--	48	48	100.00	--	--	.005	--
	TOTAL	2,314	2,314	--	100.00	114	114	100.00	--	--	67	67	100.00	--	--	.003	--
UTAH	1953 Federal	15,654	15,654	--	100.00	146	146	100.00	--	--	11,888	11,888	100.00	--	--	.08	--
	State & Private	5,721	5,721	--	100.00	116	116	100.00	--	--	3,899	3,899	100.00	--	--	.07	--
	TOTAL	21,375	21,375	--	100.00	262	262	100.00	--	--	15,787	15,787	100.00	--	--	.07	--
WYOMING	1953 Federal	11,989	11,989	--	100.00	245	245	100.00	--	--	12,117	12,117	100.00	--	--	.10	--
	State & Private	1,557	533	1,024	34.23	Data Incomplete											
	TOTAL	13,546	12,522	1,024	92.44	245	245	100.00	--	--	12,117	12,117	100.00	--	--	.10	--
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	131,958	131,958	--	100.00	4,918	4,918	100.00	--	--	107,624	107,624	100.00	--	--	.08	--
	State & Private	34,822	31,095	3,727	89.30	1,358	1,354	99.70	4	.30	29,656	29,652	99.99	4	.01	.10	--
	TOTAL	166,780	163,053	3,727	97.77	6,276	6,272	99.94	4	.06	137,280	137,276	99.997	4	.003	.08	--

1/ Includes 15,391 M acres State and privately-owned non-forest critical watershed areas.

PACIFIC GROUP																	
CALIFORNIA	1953	Federal	22,646	22,646	--	100.00	1,527	1,527	100.00	--	--	136,534	136,534	100.00	--	--	.60	--
		State & Private	19,500	19,500	--	100.00	2,214	2,214	100.00	--	--	152,670	152,670	100.00	--	--	.78	--
		TOTAL	42,146	42,146	--	100.00	3,741	3,741	100.00	--	--	289,204	289,204	100.00	--	--	.69	--
HAWAII	1953	Federal	46	46	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		State & Private	1,735	1,735	--	100.00	7	7	100.00	--	--	4,322	4,322	100.00	--	--	.25	--
		TOTAL	1,781	1,781	--	100.00	7	7	100.00	--	--	4,322	4,322	100.00	--	--	.24	--
OREGON	1953	Federal	18,713	18,713	--	100.00	899	899	100.00	--	--	2,000	2,000	100.00	--	--	.01	--
		State & Private	11,995	11,995	--	100.00	755	755	100.00	--	--	2,116	2,116	100.00	--	--	.02	--
		TOTAL	30,708	30,708	--	100.00	1,654	1,654	100.00	--	--	4,116	4,116	100.00	--	--	.01	--
WASHINGTON	1953	Federal	12,868	12,868	--	100.00	504	504	100.00	--	--	10,104	10,104	100.00	--	--	.08	--
		State & Private	12,329	12,329	--	100.00	979	979	100.00	--	--	3,787	3,787	100.00	--	--	.03	--
		TOTAL	25,197	25,197	--	100.00	1,483	1,483	100.00	--	--	13,891	13,891	100.00	--	--	.06	--
GROUP TOTAL	1953	Federal	54,273	54,273	--	100.00	2,930	2,930	100.00	--	--	148,638	148,638	100.00	--	--	.27	--
		State & Private	45,559	45,559	--	100.00	3,955	3,955	100.00	--	--	162,895	162,895	100.00	--	--	.36	--
		TOTAL	99,832	99,832	--	100.00	6,885	6,885	100.00	--	--	311,533	311,533	100.00	--	--	.31	--
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP																	
ILLINOIS	153	Federal	241	241	--	100.00	58	58	100.00	--	--	2,145	2,145	100.00	--	--	.89	--
		State & Private	3,755	3,755	--	100.00	474	474	100.00	--	--	27,562	27,562	100.00	--	--	.73	--
		TOTAL	3,996	3,996	--	100.00	532	532	100.00	--	--	29,707	29,707	100.00	--	--	.74	--
INDIANA	1953	Federal	115	115	--	100.00	14	14	100.00	--	--	103	103	100.00	--	--	.09	--
		State & Private	4,255	4,255	--	100.00	1,057	1,057	100.00	--	--	18,087	18,087	100.00	--	--	.43	--
		TOTAL	4,370	4,370	--	100.00	1,071	1,071	100.00	--	--	18,190	18,190	100.00	--	--	.42	--
IOWA	1953	Federal	14	14	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		State & Private	1,968	1,968	--	100.00	63	63	100.00	--	--	1,865	1,865	100.00	--	--	.09	--
		TOTAL	1,982	1,982	--	100.00	63	63	100.00	--	--	1,865	1,865	100.00	--	--	.09	--
MICHIGAN	1953	Federal	2,707	2,707	--	100.00	54	54	100.00	--	--	647	647	100.00	--	--	.02	--
		State & Private	17,124	17,124	--	100.00	1,624	1,624	100.00	--	--	11,869	11,869	100.00	--	--	.07	--
		TOTAL	19,831	19,831	--	100.00	1,678	1,678	100.00	--	--	12,516	12,516	100.00	--	--	.06	--
MINNESOTA	1953	Federal	3,634	3,634	--	100.00	48	48	100.00	--	--	1,393	1,393	100.00	--	--	.04	--
		State & Private	17,996	17,996	--	100.00	973	973	100.00	--	--	49,425	49,425	100.00	--	--	.27	--
		TOTAL	21,630	21,630	--	100.00	1,021	1,021	100.00	--	--	50,818	50,818	100.00	--	--	.23	--
MISSOURI	1953	Federal	1,361	1,361	--	100.00	463	463	100.00	--	--	5,971	5,971	100.00	--	--	.44	--
		State & Private	13,835	7,594	6,241	54.89	7,652	4,152	54.26	3,500	45.74	951,408	101,408	10.66	850,000	89.34	1.34	13.62
		TOTAL	15,196	8,955	6,241	58.93	8,115	4,615	56.87	3,500	43.13	957,379	107,379	11.22	850,000	88.78	1.20	13.62
NORTH DAKOTA	1953	Federal	117	117	--	100.00	1	1	100.00	--	--	30	30	100.00	--	--	.03	--
		State & Private	919	--	919	--	Data Incomplete											
		TOTAL	1,036	117	919	11.29	1	1	100.00	--	--	30	30	100.00	--	--	.03	--
OHIO	1953	Federal	102	102	--	100.00	32	32	100.00	--	--	132	132	100.00	--	--	.13	--
		State & Private	4,973	4,973	--	100.00	1,722	1,722	100.00	--	--	17,572	17,572	100.00	--	--	.35	--
		TOTAL	5,075	5,075	--	100.00	1,754	1,754	100.00	--	--	17,704	17,704	100.00	--	--	.35	--
WISCONSIN	1953	Federal	1,874	1,874	--	100.00	51	51	100.00	--	--	1,276	1,276	100.00	--	--	.07	--
		State & Private	15,590	15,590	--	100.00	1,250	1,250	100.00	--	--	10,017	10,017	100.00	--	--	.06	--
		TOTAL	17,464	17,464	--	100.00	1,301	1,301	100.00	--	--	11,293	11,293	100.00	--	--	.06	--
GROUP TOTAL	1953	Federal	10,165	10,165	--	100.00	721	721	100.00	--	--	11,697	11,697	100.00	--	--	.12	--
		State & Private	80,415	73,255	7,160	91.10	14,815	11,315	76.38	3,500	23.62	1,087,805	237,805	21.86	850,000	78.14	.32	11.87
		TOTAL	90,580	83,420	7,160	92.10	15,536	12,036	77.47	3,500	22.53	1,099,502	249,502	22.69	850,000	77.31	.30	11.67

GROUP AND PERIOD	PERIOD AND OWNERSHIP	FOREST AREA				NUMBER OF FIRES					AREA BURNED					BURNED PORTION OF AREA	
		Needing Protection	Protected	Unprotected	Percent of Forest Area Protected	TOTAL	On Protected Area		On Unprotected Area		TOTAL	On Protected Area		On Unprotected Area		Protected	Unprotected
		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres		Number	Number	%	Number	%	Acres	Acres	%	Acres	%	%	%
SOUTHERN GROUP																	
ALABAMA	1953 Federal	672	672	—	100.00	118	118	100.00	—	—	2,498	2,498	100.00	--	--	.37	--
	State & Private	18,112	18,112	—	100.00	7,783	7,783	100.00	—	—	289,867	289,867	100.00	--	--	1.60	--
	TOTAL	18,784	18,784	—	100.00	7,901	7,901	100.00	--	--	292,365	292,365	100.00	--	--	1.56	--
ARKANSAS	1953 Federal	2,629	2,595	34	98.71	172	172	100.00	Data Incomplete		2,490	2,490	100.00	Data Incomplete		.10	--
	State & Private	16,962	12,578	4,384	74.15	8,106	4,841	59.72	3,265	40.28	185,589	65,589	35.34	120,000	64.66	.52	2.74
	TOTAL	19,591	15,173	4,418	77.45	8,278	5,013	60.56	3,265	39.44	188,079	68,079	36.20	120,000	63.80	.45	2.72
FLORIDA	1953 Federal	1,275	1,275	--	100.00	126	126	100.00	—	—	16,251	16,251	100.00	--	--	1.27	--
	State & Private	19,940	13,836	6,104	69.39	28,042	7,493	26.72	20,549	73.28	4,311,497	201,713	4.68	4,109,784	95.32	1.46	67.33
	TOTAL	21,215	15,111	6,104	71.23	28,168	7,619	27.05	20,549	72.95	4,327,748	217,964	5.04	4,109,784	94.96	1.44	67.33
GEORGIA	1953 Federal	1,043	1,043	—	100.00	67	67	100.00	--	--	1,365	1,365	100.00	--	--	.13	--
	State & Private	19,968	17,591	2,377	88.10	11,134	8,175	73.42	2,959	26.58	400,208	120,330	30.07	279,878	69.93	.68	11.77
	TOTAL	21,011	18,634	2,377	88.69	11,201	8,242	73.58	2,959	26.42	401,573	121,695	30.30	279,878	69.70	.65	11.77
LOUISIANA	1953 Federal	589	589	—	100.00	104	104	100.00	—	—	1,458	1,458	100.00	—	—	.25	—
	State & Private	14,141	11,155	2,986	78.88	6,942	6,742	97.12	200	2.88	169,502	159,502	94.10	10,000	5.90	1.43	.33
	TOTAL	14,730	11,744	2,986	79.73	7,046	6,846	97.16	200	2.84	170,960	160,960	94.15	10,000	5.85	1.37	.33
MISSISSIPPI	1953 Federal	1,159	1,159	—	100.00	333	333	100.00	—	—	6,111	6,111	100.00	—	—	.53	—
	State & Private	15,314	11,275	4,039	73.63	19,563	9,375	47.92	10,188	52.08	767,509	186,802	24.34	580,707	75.66	1.66	14.38
	TOTAL	16,473	12,434	4,039	75.48	19,896	9,708	48.79	10,188	51.21	773,620	192,913	24.94	580,707	75.06	1.55	14.38
NORTH CAROLINA	1953 Federal	1,482	1,482	—	100.00	130	130	100.00	—	—	8,854	8,854	100.00	—	—	.60	—
	State & Private	16,920	15,567	1,353	92.00	3,652	3,161	86.56	491	13.44	177,355	153,815	86.73	23,540	13.27	.99	1.74
	TOTAL	18,402	17,049	1,353	92.65	3,782	3,291	87.02	491	12.98	186,209	162,669	87.36	23,540	12.64	.95	1.74
OKLAHOMA	1953 Federal	259	259	—	100.00	43	43	100.00	—	—	651	651	100.00	—	—	.25	—
	State & Private	9,779	3,591	6,188	36.72	2,554	754	29.52	1,800	70.48	240,983	40,983	17.01	200,000	82.99	1.14	3.23
	TOTAL	10,038	3,850	6,188	38.35	2,597	797	30.69	1,800	69.31	241,634	41,634	17.23	200,000	82.77	1.08	3.23
SOUTH CAROLINA	1953 Federal	632	632	--	100.00	92	92	100.00	—	—	3,863	3,863	100.00	--	—	.61	—
	State & Private	11,300	11,300	—	100.00	4,833	4,833	100.00	—	—	69,004	69,004	100.00	—	--	.61	--
	TOTAL	11,932	11,932	—	100.00	4,925	4,925	100.00	--	—	72,867	72,867	100.00	--	--	.61	--
TENNESSEE	1953 Federal	949	949	—	100.00	149	149	100.00	—	—	2,389	2,389	100.00	--	--	.25	—
	State & Private	11,967	8,880	3,087	74.20	5,941	4,434	74.63	1,507	25.37	253,677	93,167	36.73	160,510	63.27	1.05	5.20
	TOTAL	12,916	9,829	3,087	76.10	6,090	4,583	75.25	1,507	24.75	256,066	95,556	37.32	160,510	62.68	.97	5.20
TEXAS	1953 Federal	692	692	--	100.00	58	58	100.00	--	---	314	314	100.00	--	—	.05	--
	State & Private	14,707	8,396	6,311	57.09	2,067	1,472	71.21	595	28.79	39,834	25,166	63.18	14,668	36.82	.30	.23
	TOTAL	15,399	9,088	6,311	59.02	2,125	1,530	72.00	595	28.00	40,148	25,480	63.47	14,668	36.53	.28	.23
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	11,381	11,347	34	99.70	1,392	1,392	100.00	--	--	46,244	46,244	100.00	--	--	.41	--
	State & Private	169,110	132,281	36,829	78.22	100,617	59,063	58.70	41,554	41.30	6,905,025	1,405,938	20.36	5,499,087	79.64	1.06	14.93
	TOTAL	180,491	143,628	36,863	79.58	102,009	60,455	59.26	41,554	40.74	6,951,269	1,452,182	20.89	5,499,087	79.11	1.01	14.92

EASTERN GROUP																		
CONNECTICUT	1953	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		State & Private	1,907	1,907	--	100.00	538	538	100.00	--	--	1,834	1,834	100.00	--	--	.10	--
		TOTAL	1,907	1,907	--	100.00	538	538	100.00	--	--	1,834	1,834	100.00	--	--	.10	--
DELAWARE	1953	Federal	1	1	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		State & Private	440	440	--	100.00	29	29	100.00	--	--	53	53	100.00	--	--	.01	--
		TOTAL	441	441	--	100.00	29	29	100.00	--	--	53	53	100.00	--	--	.01	--
KENTUCKY	1953	Federal	564	564	--	100.00	54	54	100.00	--	--	646	646	100.00	--	--	.11	--
		State & Private	11,253	6,101	5,152	54.22	6,722	2,215	32.95	4,507	67.05	989,667	214,463	21.67	775,204	78.33	3.52	15.05
		TOTAL	11,817	6,665	5,152	56.40	6,776	2,269	33.49	4,507	66.51	990,313	215,109	21.72	775,204	78.28	3.23	15.05
MAINE	1953	Federal	89	89	--	100.00	6	6	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		State & Private	16,692	16,692	--	100.00	877	877	100.00	--	--	14,558	14,558	100.00	--	--	.09	--
		TOTAL	16,781	16,781	--	100.00	883	883	100.00	--	--	14,558	14,558	100.00	--	--	.09	--
MARYLAND	1953	Federal	16	16	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		State & Private	2,686	2,686	--	100.00	495	495	100.00	--	--	3,517	3,517	100.00	--	--	.13	--
		TOTAL	2,702	2,702	--	100.00	495	495	100.00	--	--	3,517	3,517	100.00	--	--	.13	--
MASSACHUSETTS	1953	Federal	2	2	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		State & Private	3,293	3,293	--	100.00	4,378	4,378	100.00	--	--	6,974	6,974	100.00	--	--	.21	--
		TOTAL	3,295	3,295	--	100.00	4,378	4,378	100.00	--	--	6,974	6,974	100.00	--	--	.21	--
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1953	Federal	677	677	--	100.00	5	5	100.00	--	--	38	38	100.00	--	--	.01	--
		State & Private	4,176	4,176	--	100.00	720	720	100.00	--	--	5,450	5,450	100.00	--	--	.13	--
		TOTAL	4,853	4,853	--	100.00	725	725	100.00	--	--	5,488	5,488	100.00	--	--	.11	--
NEW JERSEY	1953	Federal	1	1	--	100.00	1	1	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		State & Private	2,294	2,294	--	100.00	1,133	1,133	100.00	--	--	16,838	16,838	100.00	--	--	.73	--
		TOTAL	2,295	2,295	--	100.00	1,134	1,134	100.00	--	--	16,838	16,838	100.00	--	--	.73	--
NEW YORK	1953	Federal	10	10	--	100.00	2	2	100.00	--	--	5	5	100.00	--	--	.05	--
		State & Private	13,423	13,423	--	100.00	1,718	1,718	100.00	--	--	15,790	15,790	100.00	--	--	.12	--
		TOTAL	13,433	13,433	--	100.00	1,720	1,720	100.00	--	--	15,795	15,795	100.00	--	--	.12	--
PENNSYLVANIA	1953	Federal	473	473	--	100.00	13	13	100.00	--	--	77	77	100.00	--	--	.02	--
		State & Private	14,659	14,659	--	100.00	1,408	1,408	100.00	--	--	33,892	33,892	100.00	--	--	.23	--
		TOTAL	15,132	15,132	--	100.00	1,421	1,421	100.00	--	--	33,969	33,969	100.00	--	--	.22	--
RHODE ISLAND	1953	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		State & Private	452	452	--	100.00	170	170	100.00	--	--	606	606	100.00	--	--	.13	--
		TOTAL	452	452	--	100.00	170	170	100.00	--	--	606	606	100.00	--	--	.13	--
VERMONT	1953	Federal	226	226	--	100.00	3	3	100.00	--	--	15	15	100.00	--	--	.01	--
		State & Private	3,504	3,504	--	100.00	195	195	100.00	--	--	504	504	100.00	--	--	.01	--
		TOTAL	3,730	3,730	--	100.00	198	198	100.00	--	--	519	519	100.00	--	--	.01	--
VIRGINIA	1953	Federal	1,682	1,682	--	100.00	84	84	100.00	--	--	2,657	2,657	100.00	--	--	.16	--
		State & Private	12,971	12,971	--	100.00	2,433	2,433	100.00	--	--	32,540	32,540	100.00	--	--	.25	--
		TOTAL	14,653	14,653	--	100.00	2,517	2,517	100.00	--	--	35,197	35,197	100.00	--	--	.24	--
WEST VIRGINIA	1953	Federal	910	910	--	100.00	20	20	100.00	--	--	223	223	100.00	--	--	.02	--
		State & Private	9,038	9,038	--	100.00	2,450	2,450	100.00	--	--	350,282	350,282	100.00	--	--	3.88	--
		TOTAL	9,948	9,948	--	100.00	2,470	2,470	100.00	--	--	350,505	350,505	100.00	--	--	3.52	--
GROUP TOTAL	1953	Federal	4,651	4,651	--	100.00	188	188	100.00	--	--	3,661	3,661	100.00	--	--	.08	--
		State & Private	96,788	91,636	5,152	94.68	23,266	18,759	80.63	4,507	19.37	1,472,505	697,301	47.35	775,204	52.65	.76	15.05
		TOTAL	101,439	96,287	5,152	94.92	23,454	18,947	80.78	4,507	19.22	1,476,166	700,962	47.49	775,204	52.51	.73	15.05

NUMBER OF FOREST FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY CAUSE AND SIZE - CALENDAR YEAR 1953

PROTECTED AREAS ONLY - BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUP AND STATE	PERIOD AND OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES - BY CAUSE									NUMBER OF FIRES - BY SIZE			
		Lightning	Railroads	Campers	Smokers	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Lumbering	Miscel-laneous	TOTAL	Under 1/4 Acre	1/4 - 10 Acres	Over 10 Acres	TOTAL
UNITED STATES (Exclusive of Alaska)	1953 Federal	6,210	36	792	1,318	183	744	83	783	10,149	6,090	3,119	940	10,149
	State & Private	2,318	2,583	4,348	19,378	22,354	29,442	2,226	11,797	94,446	13,777	51,764	28,905	94,446
	TOTAL	8,528	2,619	5,140	20,696	22,537	30,186	2,309	12,580	104,595	19,867	54,883	29,845	104,595
ALASKA	1953 Federal	68	—	73	23	4	1	—	13	182	66	36	80	182
	Private	Data Incomplete												
	TOTAL	68	—	73	23	4	1	—	13	182	66	36	80	182
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP														
ARIZONA	1953 Federal	1,199	2	81	128	21	9	3	49	1,492	1,048	370	74	1,492
	State & Private	Data Incomplete												
	TOTAL	1,199	2	81	128	21	9	3	49	1,492	1,048	370	74	1,492
COLORADO	1953 Federal	116	3	29	30	7	2	2	8	197	147	34	16	197
	State & Private	24	9	27	15	43	11	7	76	212	80	107	25	212
	TOTAL	140	12	56	45	50	13	9	84	409	227	141	41	409
IDAHO	1953 Federal	924		151	93	8	2	—	19	1,197	846	278	73	1,197
	State & Private	225	17	50	64	44	3	10	111	524	340	133	51	524
	TOTAL	1,149	17	201	157	52	5	10	130	1,721	1,186	411	124	1,721
MONTANA	1953 Federal	700	5	60	57	12	1	11	16	862	590	221	51	862
	State & Private	164	42	20	63	24	3	11	20	347	248	86	13	347
	TOTAL	864	47	80	120	36	4	22	36	1,209	838	307	64	1,209
NEBRASKA	1953 Federal	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
	State & Private	Data Incomplete												
	TOTAL	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
NEVADA	1953 Federal	48	—	5	1	—	—	—	2	56	39	9	8	56
	State & Private	11	—	3	11	10	—	—	10	45	14	17	14	45
	TOTAL	59	—	8	12	10	—	—	12	101	53	26	22	101
NEW MEXICO	1953 Federal	548	1	26	33	5	—	3	11	627	414	173	40	627
	State & Private	62	—	9	15	—	—	4	1	91	60	26	5	91
	TOTAL	610	1	35	48	5	—	7	12	718	474	199	45	718
SOUTH DAKOTA	1953 Federal	70	—	6	9	2	—	1	7	95	78	17	—	95
	State & Private	8	2	3	2	—	—	1	3	19	13	4	2	19
	TOTAL	78	2	9	11	2	—	2	10	114	91	21	2	114
UTAH	1953 Federal	95	—	18	18	2	5	2	6	146	105	26	15	146
	State & Private	25	12	5	15	20	—	—	39	116	20	68	28	116
	TOTAL	120	12	23	33	22	5	2	45	262	125	94	43	262
WYOMING	1953 Federal	171	—	29	31	44	1	4	5	245	183	48	14	245
	State & Private	Data Incomplete												
	TOTAL	171	—	29	31	4	1	4	5	245	183	48	14	245
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	3,872	11	405	400	61	20	26	123	4,918	3,450	1,177	291	4,918
	State & Private	519	82	117	185	141	17	33	260	1,354	775	441	138	1,346
	TOTAL	4,391	93	522	585	202	37	59	383	6,272	4,225	1,618	429	6,264

PACIFIC GROUP														
CALIFORNIA	1953 Federal	1,119	4	81	158	22	34	22	87	1,527	1,078	345	104	1,527
	State & Private	364	45	92	631	308	164	101	509	2,214	1,035	798	381	2,214
	TOTAL	1,483	49	173	789	330	198	123	596	3,741	2,113	1,143	485	3,741
HAWAII	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	--	--	1	3	1	--	--	2	7	--	3	4	7
	TOTAL	--	--	1	3	1	--	--	2	7	--	3	4	7
OREGON	1953 Federal	688	2	98	66	16	5	8	16	899	728	153	18	899
	State & Private	354	16	54	106	55	19	50	101	755	551	173	31	755
	TOTAL	1,042	18	152	172	71	24	58	117	1,654	1,279	326	49	1,654
WASHINGTON	1953 Federal	374	--	65	36	7	--	5	17	504	379	104	21	504
	State & Private	225	77	83	152	152	16	34	240	979	722	228	29	979
	TOTAL	599	77	148	188	159	16	39	257	1,483	1,101	332	50	1,483
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	2,181	6	244	260	45	39	35	120	2,930	2,185	602	143	2,930
	State & Private	943	138	230	892	516	199	185	852	3,955	2,308	1,202	445	3,955
	TOTAL	3,124	144	474	1,152	561	238	220	972	6,885	4,493	1,804	588	6,885
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP														
ILLINOIS	1953 Federal	--	--	2	19	--	10	--	27	58	4	31	23	58
	State & Private	--	33	7	157	154	71	1	51	474	27	187	260	474
	TOTAL	--	33	9	176	154	81	1	78	532	31	218	283	532
INDIANA	1953 Federal	--	--	--	4	--	2	--	8	14	2	10	2	14
	State & Private	--	81	2	196	371	44	--	363	1,057	200	508	349	1,057
	TOTAL	--	81	2	200	371	46	--	371	1,071	202	518	351	1,071
IOWA	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	--	3	12	9	17	--	--	22	63	6	21	36	63
	TOTAL	--	3	12	9	17	--	--	22	63	6	21	36	63
MICHIGAN	1953 Federal	1	--	3	34	5	3	--	8	54	22	22	10	54
	State & Private	30	83	68	616	542	24	6	255	1,624	342	1,086	196	1,624
	TOTAL	31	83	71	650	547	27	6	263	1,678	364	1,108	206	1,678
MINNESOTA	1953 Federal	--	--	4	14	9	13	2	6	48	18	22	8	48
	State & Private	5	194	32	198	269	63	7	205	973	224	397	352	973
	TOTAL	5	194	36	212	278	76	9	211	1,021	242	419	360	1,021
MISSOURI	1953 Federal	3	3	24	109	11	108	2	203	463	107	275	81	463
	State & Private	5	48	58	380	2,186	1,197	31	247	4,152	364	2,270	1,518	4,152
	TOTAL	8	51	82	489	2,197	1,305	33	450	4,615	471	2,545	1,599	4,615
NORTH DAKOTA	1953 Federal	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	1
	State & Private	Data Incomplete												
	TOTAL	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	1
OHIO	1953 Federal	--	1	--	11	2	4	--	14	32	12	15	5	32
	State & Private	2	168	30	457	441	254	12	358	1,722	313	1,025	384	1,722
	TOTAL	2	169	30	468	443	258	12	372	1,754	325	1,040	389	1,754
WISCONSIN	1953 Federal	2	1	3	16	4	10	3	12	51	20	25	6	51
	State & Private	27	97	31	396	298	92	10	299	1,250	499	651	100	1,250
	TOTAL	29	98	34	412	302	102	13	311	1,301	519	676	106	1,301
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	6	5	36	208	31	150	7	278	721	185	400	136	721
	State & Private	69	707	240	2,409	4,278	1,745	67	1,800	11,315	1,975	6,145	3,195	11,315
	TOTAL	75	712	276	2,617	4,309	1,895	74	2,078	12,036	2,160	6,545	3,331	12,036

GROUP AND STATE	PERIOD AND OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES - BY CAUSE									NUMBER OF FIRES			
		Lightning	Railroads	Campers	Smokers	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Lumbering	Miscel-laneous	TOTAL	Under 1/4 Acre	1/4 - 10 Acres	Over 10 Acres	TOTAL
SOUTHERN GROUP														
ALABAMA	1953 Federal	8	—	7	34	5	37	3	24	118	9	76	33	118
	State & Private	56	142	224	1,923	1,658	2,671	271	838	7,783	161	4,032	3,590	7,783
	TOTAL	64	142	231	1,957	1,663	2,708	274	862	7,901	170	4,108	3,623	7,901
ARKANSAS	1953 Federal	50	—	7	45	5	19	1	45	172	38	96	38	172
	State & Private	36	106	94	778	1,643	1,868	147	169	4,841	549	2,889	1,403	4,841
	TOTAL	86	106	101	823	1,648	1,887	148	214	5,013	587	2,985	1,441	5,013
FLORIDA	1953 Federal	45	—	5	32	—	28	3	13	126	22	72	32	126
	State & Private	178	88	88	509	1,181	4,626	97	726	7,493	267	4,147	3,079	7,493
	TOTAL	223	88	93	541	1,181	4,654	100	739	7,619	289	4,219	3,111	7,619
GEORGIA	1953 Federal	3	1	5	23	2	14	2	17	67	15	40	12	67
	State & Private	86	163	81	1,003	2,264	2,970	381	1,227	8,175	1,797	4,405	1,973	8,175
	TOTAL	89	164	86	1,026	2,266	2,984	383	1,244	8,242	1,812	4,445	1,985	8,242
LOUISIANA	1953 Federal	2	1	5	39	2	46	—	9	104	6	78	20	104
	State & Private	10	39	163	773	745	4,155	169	688	6,742	234	4,273	2,235	6,742
	TOTAL	12	40	168	812	747	4,201	169	697	6,846	240	4,351	2,255	6,846
MISSISSIPPI	1953 Federal	4	3	10	69	2	178	4	63	333	47	205	81	333
	State & Private	21	83	144	1,983	1,694	4,511	152	787	9,375	267	5,880	3,228	9,375
	TOTAL	25	86	154	2,052	1,696	4,689	156	850	9,708	314	6,085	3,309	9,708
NORTH CAROLINA	1953 Federal	6	3	19	33	10	51	—	8	130	19	78	33	130
	State & Private	47	61	434	732	954	495	137	301	3,161	161	1,630	1,370	3,161
	TOTAL	53	64	453	765	964	546	137	309	3,291	180	1,708	1,403	3,291
OKLAHOMA	1953 Federal	11	—	6	10	1	10	—	5	43	5	30	8	43
	State & Private	11	—	11	72	58	559	9	34	754	65	410	279	754
	TOTAL	22	—	17	82	59	569	9	39	797	70	440	287	797
SOUTH CAROLINA	1953 Federal	1	1	2	21	—	63	—	4	92	9	62	21	92
	State & Private	33	75	134	1,204	998	1,829	129	431	4,833	379	3,160	1,294	4,833
	TOTAL	34	76	136	1,225	998	1,892	129	435	4,925	388	3,222	1,315	4,925
TENNESSEE	1953 Federal	6	—	26	38	10	58	—	11	149	28	83	38	149
	State & Private	6	101	973	489	1,331	1,241	108	185	4,434	120	2,854	1,460	4,434
	TOTAL	12	101	999	527	1,341	1,299	108	196	4,583	148	2,937	1,498	4,583
TEXAS	1953 Federal	5	—	6	27	1	3	—	16	58	20	32	6	58
	State & Private	5	27	176	407	314	302	151	90	1,472	162	845	465	1,472
	TOTAL	10	27	182	434	315	305	151	106	1,530	182	877	471	1,530
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	141	9	98	371	38	507	13	215	1,392	218	852	322	1,392
	State & Private	489	885	2,522	9,873	12,840	25,227	1,751	5,476	59,063	4,162	34,525	20,376	59,063
	TOTAL	630	894	2,620	10,244	12,878	25,734	1,764	5,691	60,455	4,380	35,377	20,698	60,455

EASTERN GROUP														
CONNECTICUT	1953 Federal	Data Incomplete												
	State & Private	3	5	15	160	135	37	5	178	538	132	364	42	538
	TOTAL	3	5	15	160	135	37	5	178	538	132	364	42	538
DELAWARE	1953 Federal	Data Incomplete												
	State & Private	1	--	--	9	15	--	2	2	29	8	21	--	29
	TOTAL	1	--	--	9	15	--	2	2	29	8	21	--	29
KENTUCKY	1953 Federal	1	1	3	28	3	5	2	11	54	10	30	14	54
	State & Private	--	64	206	856	566	257	15	251	2,215	18	538	1,659	2,215
	TOTAL	1	65	209	884	569	262	17	262	2,269	28	568	1,673	2,269
MAINE	1953 Federal	1	--	--	4	--	--	--	1	6	6	--	--	6
	State & Private	71	18	78	293	220	42	47	108	877	302	441	134	877
	TOTAL	72	18	78	297	220	42	47	109	883	308	441	134	883
MARYLAND	1953 Federal	Data Incomplete												
	State & Private	1	22	13	226	95	53	4	81	495	148	320	27	495
	TOTAL	1	22	13	226	95	53	4	81	495	148	320	27	495
MASSACHUSETTS	1953 Federal	Data Incomplete												
	State & Private	--	89	38	709	1,782	541	--	1,219	4,378	2,030	2,254	94	4,378
	TOTAL	--	89	38	709	1,782	541	--	1,219	4,378	2,030	2,254	94	4,378
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1953 Federal	3	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	5	2	2	1	5
	State & Private	67	37	33	170	151	53	16	193	720	352	330	38	720
	TOTAL	70	37	33	172	151	53	16	193	725	354	332	39	725
NEW JERSEY	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	1	--	--	1
	State & Private	--	55	18	742	166	88	--	64	1,133	393	621	119	1,133
	TOTAL	--	55	18	742	166	89	--	64	1,134	394	621	119	1,134
NEW YORK	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	--	2	--	2
	State & Private	95	47	393	530	339	56	13	245	1,718	453	994	271	1,718
	TOTAL	95	47	393	530	339	56	13	247	1,720	453	996	271	1,720
PENNSYLVANIA	1953 Federal	--	--	1	4	1	2	-	5	13	6	5	2	13
	State & Private	8	156	283	566	164	118	18	95	1,408	97	856	455	1,408
	TOTAL	8	156	284	570	165	120	18	100	1,421	103	861	457	1,421
RHODE ISLAND	1953 Federal	Data Incomplete												
	State & Private	3	1	4	28	79	19	--	36	170	24	135	11	170
	TOTAL	3	1	4	28	79	19	--	36	170	24	135	11	170
VERMONT	1953 Federal	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	1	3	1	2	--	3
	State & Private	14	1	16	54	51	10	20	29	195	64	115	16	195
	TOTAL	14	1	16	56	51	10	20	30	198	65	117	16	198
VIRGINIA	1953 Federal	5	--	5	32	3	18	--	21	84	23	34	27	84
	State & Private	23	161	90	998	526	235	23	377	2,433	454	1,549	430	2,433
	TOTAL	28	161	95	1,030	529	253	23	398	2,517	477	1,583	457	2,517
WEST VIRGINIA	1953 Federal	--	4	--	7	1	2	--	6	20	3	13	4	20
	State & Private	12	115	52	678	290	745	27	531	2,450	82	913	1,455	2,450
	TOTAL	12	119	52	685	291	747	27	537	2,470	85	926	1,459	2,470
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	10	5	9	79	8	28	2	47	188	52	88	48	188
	State & Private	298	771	1,239	6,019	4,579	2,254	190	3,409	18,759	4,557	9,451	4,751	18,759
	TOTAL	308	776	1,248	6,098	4,587	2,282	192	3,456	18,947	4,609	9,539	4,799	18,947

AREAS BURNED BY FOREST FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES, BY TYPE CLASSES - CALENDAR YEAR 1953

PROTECTED AREAS ONLY - BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUP AND STATE	PERIOD AND OWNERSHIP	PROTECTED AREA BURNED			
		Forest Land	Non-Forest Land	TOTAL	Average Area Per Fire
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
UNITED STATES (Exclusive of Alaska)	1953 Federal	110,516	207,348	317,864	31.32
	State & Private	2,128,936	404,655	2,533,591	26.83
	TOTAL	2,239,452	612,003	2,851,455	27.26
ALASKA	1953 Federal	287,391	160,213	447,604	2,459.36
	Private	Data Incomplete			
	TOTAL	287,391	160,213	447,604	2,459.36
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP					
ARIZONA	1953 Federal	6,956	16,177	23,133	15.50
	State & Private	Data Incomplete			
	TOTAL	6,956	16,177	23,133	15.50
COLORADO	1953 Federal	590	655	1,245	6.32
	State & Private	1,061	3,550 2/	4,611	21.75
	TOTAL	1,651	4,205	5,856	14.32
IDAHO	1953 Federal	2,816	8,919	11,735	9.80
	State & Private	1,459	10,819 2/	12,278	23.43
	TOTAL	4,275	19,738	24,013	13.95
MONTANA	1953 Federal	4,510	2,634	7,144	8.29
	State & Private	702	94	796	2.29
	TOTAL	5,212	2,728	7,940	6.57
NEBRASKA	1953 Federal	--	1	1	1.00
	State & Private	Data Incomplete			
	TOTAL	--	1	1	1.00
NEVADA	1953 Federal	2,813	6,003	8,816	157.43
	State & Private	866	1,537 2/	2,403	53.40
	TOTAL	3,679	7,540	11,219	111.08
NEW MEXICO	1953 Federal	13,136	18,390	31,526	50.28
	State & Private	3,072	2,545	5,617	61.73
	TOTAL	16,208	20,935	37,143	51.73
SOUTH DAKOTA	1953 Federal	13	6	19	.20
	State & Private	28	20	48	2.53
	TOTAL	41	26	67	.59
UTAH	1953 Federal	11,466	422	11,888	81.42
	State & Private	3	3,896 2/	3,899	33.61
	TOTAL	11,469	4,318	15,787	60.26
WYOMING	1953 Federal	2,776	9,341	12,117	49.46
	State & Private	Data Incomplete			
	TOTAL	2,776	9,341	12,117	49.46
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	45,076	62,548	107,624	21.88
	State & Private	7,191	22,461	29,652	21.90
	TOTAL	52,267	85,009	137,276	21.89

2/ Includes "Non-Forest Critical Watershed Area" statistics as follows:

	Area Burned (Acres)
Colorado	3,550
Idaho	10,819
Nevada	1,537
Utah	2,363

PACIFIC GROUP					
CALIFORNIA	1953 Federal	7,857	128,677	136,534	89.41
	State & Private	6,027	146,643 2/	152,670	68.96
	TOTAL	13,884	275,320	289,204	77.31
HAWAII	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	2,330	1,992 2/	4,322	617.43
	TOTAL	2,330	1,992	4,322	617.43
OREGON	1953 Federal	745	1,255	2,000	2.22
	State & Private	1,188	928	2,116	2.80
	TOTAL	1,933	2,183	4,116	2.49
WASHINGTON	1953 Federal	2,972	7,132	10,104	20.05
	State & Private	2,760	1,027	3,787	3.87
	TOTAL	5,732	8,159	13,891	9.37
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	11,574	137,064	148,638	50.73
	State & Private	12,305	150,590	162,895	41.19
	TOTAL	23,879	287,654	311,533	45.25
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP					
ILLINOIS	1953 Federal	2,003	142	2,145	36.98
	State & Private	19,603	7,959	27,562	58.15
	TOTAL	21,606	8,101	29,707	55.84
INDIANA	1953 Federal	103	--	103	7.36
	State & Private	8,392	9,695	18,087	17.11
	TOTAL	8,495	9,695	18,190	16.98
IOWA	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	964	901	1,865	29.60
	TOTAL	964	901	1,865	29.60
MICHIGAN	1953 Federal	557	90	647	11.98
	State & Private	7,005	4,864	11,869	7.31
	TOTAL	7,562	4,954	12,516	7.46
MINNESOTA	1953 Federal	325	1,068	1,393	29.02
	State & Private	11,550	37,875	49,425	50.80
	TOTAL	11,875	38,943	50,818	49.77
MISSOURI	1953 Federal	5,797	174	5,971	12.90
	State & Private	86,691	14,717	101,408	24.42
	TOTAL	92,488	14,891	107,379	23.27
NORTH DAKOTA	1953 Federal	--	30	30	30.00
	State & Private	Data Incomplete			
	TOTAL	--	30	30	30.00
OHIO	1953 Federal	91	41	132	4.13
	State & Private	10,133	7,439	17,572	10.20
	TOTAL	10,224	7,480	17,704	10.09
WISCONSIN	1953 Federal	1,206	70	1,276	25.02
	State & Private	5,309	4,708	10,017	8.01
	TOTAL	6,515	4,778	11,293	8.68
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	10,082	1,615	11,697	16.22
	State & Private	149,647	88,158	237,805	21.02
	TOTAL	159,729	89,773	249,502	20.73

2/ Includes "Non-Forest Critical Watershed Area" statistics as follows:

	Area Burned (Acres)
California	138,559
Hawaii	32

GROUP AND STATE	PERIOD AND OWNERSHIP	PROTECTED AREA BURNED			
		Forest Land	Non-Forest Land	TOTAL	Average Area Per Fire
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
SOUTHERN GROUP					
ALABAMA	1953 Federal	2,453	45	2,498	21.17
	State & Private	286,067	3,800	289,867	37.24
	TOTAL	288,520	3,845	292,365	37.00
ARKANSAS	1953 Federal	2,356	134	2,490	14.48
	State & Private	65,589	--	65,589	13.55
	TOTAL	67,945	134	68,079	13.58
FLORIDA	1953 Federal	11,481	4,770	16,251	128.98
	State & Private	195,252	6,461	201,713	26.92
	TOTAL	206,733	11,231	217,964	28.61
GEORGIA	1953 Federal	1,333	32	1,365	20.37
	State & Private	110,883	9,447	120,330	14.72
	TOTAL	112,216	9,479	121,695	14.77
LOUISIANA	1953 Federal	1,458	--	1,458	14.02
	State & Private	159,502	--	159,502	23.66
	TOTAL	160,960	--	160,960	23.51
MISSISSIPPI	1953 Federal	6,004	107	6,111	18.35
	State & Private	152,463	34,339	186,802	19.93
	TOTAL	158,467	34,446	192,913	19.87
NORTH CAROLINA	1953 Federal	8,495	359	8,854	68.11
	State & Private	131,356	22,459	153,815	48.66
	TOTAL	139,851	22,818	162,669	49.43
OKLAHOMA	1953 Federal	598	53	651	15.14
	State & Private	40,983	--	40,983	54.35
	TOTAL	41,581	53	41,634	52.24
SOUTH CAROLINA	1953 Federal	3,857	6	3,863	41.99
	State & Private	67,089	1,915	69,004	14.28
	TOTAL	70,946	1,921	72,867	14.80
TENNESSEE	1953 Federal	2,322	67	2,389	16.03
	State & Private	93,167	--	93,167	21.01
	TOTAL	95,489	67	95,556	20.85
TEXAS	1953 Federal	160	154	314	5.41
	State & Private	21,213	3,953	25,166	17.10
	TOTAL	21,373	4,107	25,480	16.65
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	40,517	5,727	46,244	33.22
	State & Private	1,323,564	82,374	1,405,938	23.80
	TOTAL	1,364,081	88,101	1,452,182	24.02

EASTERN GROUP					
CONNECTICUT	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	1,395	439	1,834	3.41
	TOTAL	1,395	439	1,834	3.41
DELAWARE	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	53	--	53	1.83
	TOTAL	53	--	53	1.83
KENTUCKY	1953 Federal	621	25	646	11.96
	State & Private	182,693	31,770	214,463	96.82
	TOTAL	183,314	31,795	215,109	94.80
MAINE	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	12,580	1,978	14,558	16.60
	TOTAL	12,580	1,978	14,558	16.49
MARYLAND	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	2,639	878	3,517	7.11
	TOTAL	2,639	878	3,517	7.11
MASSACHUSETTS	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	3,795	3,179	6,974	1.59
	TOTAL	3,795	3,179	6,974	1.59
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1953 Federal	8	30	38	7.60
	State & Private	4,760	690	5,450	7.57
	TOTAL	4,768	720	5,488	7.57
NEW JERSEY	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	15,938	900	16,838	14.86
	TOTAL	15,938	900	16,838	14.85
NEW YORK	1953 Federal	5	--	5	2.50
	State & Private	8,984	6,806	15,790	9.19
	TOTAL	8,989	6,806	15,795	9.18
PENNSYLVANIA	1953 Federal	77	--	77	5.92
	State & Private	32,002	1,890	33,892	24.07
	TOTAL	32,079	1,890	33,969	23.90
RHODE ISLAND	1953 Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	502	104	606	3.56
	TOTAL	502	104	606	3.56
VERMONT	1953 Federal	15	--	15	5.00
	State & Private	387	117	504	2.58
	TOTAL	402	117	519	2.62
VIRGINIA	1953 Federal	2,322	335	2,657	31.63
	State & Private	30,812	1,728	32,540	13.37
	TOTAL	33,134	2,063	35,197	13.98
WEST VIRGINIA	1953 Federal	219	4	223	11.15
	State & Private	339,689	10,593	350,282	142.97
	TOTAL	339,908	10,597	350,505	141.90
GROUP TOTAL	1953 Federal	3,267	394	3,661	19.47
	State & Private	636,229	61,072	697,301	37.17
	TOTAL	639,496	61,466	700,962	37.00

SUMMARY OF 1953 WEATHER AND FIRE SITUATIONS

Region 1 - Comprising Montana and Idaho

Exceptionally dry all of July, and most of September and October. This dry period was one of the most prolonged periods of high fire danger on record for this time of the year. Lack of high winds was a favorable factor.

Region 2 - Comprising Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming

The fall season was critical. There were extended dry periods when fire danger readings reached the high and extreme categories. Hunting season was postponed in Colorado. Other various types of special fire prevention methods were used in the Region.

Region 3 - Comprising Arizona and New Mexico

The fire season was much worse than in 1952. It was longer, as were the periods of high to extreme danger. 1953 was the driest during the last ten years. Governor proclamations were used.

Region 4 - Comprising Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Western Wyoming

The fire danger started about the normal time in the spring but lasted longer than usual. Temperatures generally were above normal, combined with prolonged dry periods which resulted in dangerous fire weather during most of the season.

Region 5 - Comprising California and Hawaii

Except for southern California, the fire season was less severe than in prior years. Measured in terms of total fire incidence and area burned, the 1953 fire season was below average. Measured in terms of fire risk, as affected by weather factors, the 1953 season in northern and central California was average or below average, while in southern California there were periods of prolonged high fire risk extending from May into January 1954.

Region 6 - Comprising Oregon and Washington

Fire danger during 1953 was the lowest on record, a direct contrast to 1952 which was the longest and driest of record. This resulted in a most favorable fire record.

Region 7 - Comprising Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia

Fire conditions in the southern part of the Region were considerably worse than in 1952. New England had drought conditions by fall. Closures were in effect in late June in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts; again

in September in Massachusetts, and in October in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. Kentucky suspended hunting; West Virginia closed the woods for about three weeks; and Virginia suspended the hunting season.

Region 8 - Comprising Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas

Drought conditions in some areas were most severe on record. The Coastal Plains had average to worse than average fire conditions. The Piedmont and Mountain areas experienced conditions worse than in 1952. Absence of wind was a favorable factor. In Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, closures were in effect for varying periods during the fall.

Region 9 - Comprising Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio and Wisconsin

Michigan and Wisconsin had severe fire weather during the fall. The Central States had the hottest and driest weather on record. Wisconsin postponed its deer season. Governor's closures and other precautionary action were effective in Ohio, Missouri, and Indiana. Hunting season was postponed in Ohio.

STATUS OF STATE AND PRIVATE FOREST LAND PROTECTION C.Y. 1953